

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the indication of allowed claims 14-19 and the allowable subject matter in dependent claims 6, 7, 9, and 11.

Applicant submitted proposed drawing corrections in the previous reply filed March 5, 2002. These corrections involved relocating the reference arrow indications for reference character "95" in FIGS. 2 and 3 so that the arrows correctly identify the snap ring element. The office action does not indicate whether these corrections have been approved by the examiner. Applicant respectfully requests approval of these corrections in the next Office action.

Claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,315,435 to Hamilton *et al.* (Hamilton).

This rejection is respectfully traversed as Hamilton fails to anticipate the subject matter of claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13. Independent claim 1 recites:

A searchlight device comprising:

a housing including a first end;

a window in the first end of said housing;

a lamp disposed within said housing so as to emit light through said window;

a shaft; and,

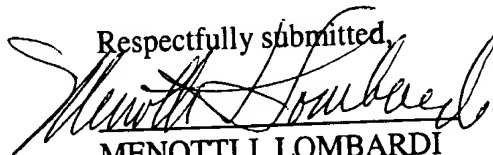
a positioning assembly secured *within* said housing, said positioning assembly including: a first motor operable to rotate said housing in a first plane with respect to said shaft, and a second motor operable to pivot said housing in a second plane with respect to said shaft.

Hamilton does not expressly or inherently describe "a positioning assembly secured within said housing" as called for in claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13. Hamilton describes a searchlight having a controllable lighthouse 2 which appears to include a lamp disposed in a housing (see Fig. 1 and Figs. 2a and 2b), a first motor 6, a first gearbox 8, a second motor 10, a second gearbox 12 and a control housing 4, all mounted on a common base 14. The lamp, motors and gearboxes are not all mounted in the same housing as claimed. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and, further, that claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this communication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. Deposit Account No. 09-0949.

Respectfully submitted,



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